

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Cameron Beddard on April 8, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 11, line 13, "and" after the ";" has been deleted.

Claim 11, line 17, the period after "module" has been changed to --; and--.

Claim 11, line 17, the limitation --wherein a second face of the first clamping jaw faces away from the casing tube and toward the stator and extends obliquely with regard to the longitudinal axis of the steering spindle, and wherein the inner face of the stator extends parallel to the oblique face of the clamping jaw-- has been added after line 17 as a new indented paragraph.

Claims 17 and 18 have been canceled.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALAN B. WAITS whose telephone number is (571)270-3664. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 5 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Ridley can be reached on 571-272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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